landing facilities and enable landing of boeing aircraft at these airports; airports;

(b) if so, what is the stage of their implementation; and

(c) what is the target date to complete the expansion work?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The National Airports Authority (NAA) has drawn up plans for the upgradation of the Tirupati and Vijayawada airports for Boeing-737 operations. But due to paucity of resources with the National Airports Authority, it has not been found possible to take up these projects so far.

Andhra Pradesh Government proposal for tourism development

986. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATON AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals for tourism development from Government of Andhra Pradesh are pending with the Central Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the stage of consideration of these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) For the year 1991-92, three schemes for tourist accommodation are under consideration with the Central Government. The State Government has been requested to furnish environmental clearances for these schemes.

Drilling operations in Krishna and Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh

987. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC has started drilling operations in Guntur and Krishna Districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, with what effect; and

(c) what steps are being taken to exploit the oil and gas reserves in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. Hydrocarbons have been discovered in five prospects in Krishna District. Two wells have been put on production.

Proposals for setting up Gas Based Power Stations in Maharashtra

988. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in accordance with the annual power survey done recently by the Central Electricity Authority a shortage of 1100 MW has been estimated by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government of Maharashtra has submitted proposals to the Central Government for setting up of gas based power stations in the State;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what are the places identified for setting up of these power stations and by when approval to the proposals is likely to be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir. The Fourteenth Electric Power Survey Report submitted to the Government of India during March, 1991 which is the latest survey, does not indicate the details of surplus/deficit for the Seventh plan end.